

Dear San Diego Redistricting Commission,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I hope you enjoy some sweet brown pumpkin or sweet potato pie as part of your Thanksgiving feast.



This sweet slice of pie is a graphic analogy to District Nine (D9) after the adopted Preliminary Map/Plan. As you can see the pie slice is a wedge shape proceeding south to the Mt. Hope area.

The sweet brown pie has been changed by the Chairman's addition of a huge dollop of whipping cream changing the nature and calorie count of this district desert, from its existing 2011 District Nine.

The proposed Gerrymandering of the new 2021 District Nine adds more Cream and violates the principal of containing a District within "Natural Boundaries" or as you Counsel called them "...*significant geographic or public infrastructure features...*". (Memorandum Preliminary Analysis of Draft Council District Maps, November 12, 2021, Page 2).

I heard the Chairman's and others rationale for entering into an entire new significant geographic area - Mission Valley / San Diego River and crossing over significant public infrastructure features - The brackets of local serving major roads between Friars Road and Camino Del Rio south AND the entire Interstate 8 Kumeyaay Freeway. That rationale was based on the future speculative residential development of San Diego State University (SDSU); so that new future development can keep that University together with its new campus on the overside of the river and roads.

Unfortunately, this rationale gerrymander dilutes existing the racial, ethnic, and language concentrations of the 2011 District Nine (D9). Further, it uses assumptions

and techniques rejected for the residential student populations of the Pan Asian student, faculty, and employees of the University of California of San Diego (UCSD) in the Preliminary Map/Plan for District Six (D6).

There are alternatives for linking San Diego State University - West with San Diego State University - East.; without diluting existing the racial, ethnic, and language concentrations of the 2011 District Nine (D9).

1. First, return all of the territory of existing the racial, ethnic, and language concentrations of the 2011 District Nine (D9).
2. Second, return all of the SDSU area to District Seven, as had been the conditions; prior to the expansion of the Council to Nine Districts.

I urge you not to gerrymander District Nine by including entire new geographical and infrastructure areas that dilute existing the racial, ethnic, and language concentrations of the 2011 District Nine (D9). Inclusion of these diluting gerrymandering features simply do not “... *ensure fair and equitable redistricting for all racial, ethnic and language minorities, and be in conformance with the requirements of the U.S. Constitution and federal statutes as amended and the San Diego Charter.*” (**BYLAWS & OPERATING PROCEDURES of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO 2020 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose, Section 3.**)

Again, Happy Thanksgiving

John Stump

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RE: Initial Principals and Comments City Of San Diego Redistricting

Dear Honorable Chairman Hebrank, Honorable Vicechair Malborough, and Honorable Commissioners,

Congratulations on your appointment to this most important Commission. Thank you for your service to our City. I have some initial principals and comments concerning the processes for accomplishing your important work. They follow:

16. "So the last shall be first, and the first last." MATTHEW 20:16. Please consider a district number neutral process. I suggest that your processes, to determine the nine Council Districts, be neutral as to the District number until you have followed the law and guidelines to form appropriate Districts. Only after that outcome neutral process; then assign District numbers randomly or by draw. Past practices have numbered the richest District NUMBER ONE and the poorest DistrictS Last, as Numbers 8 and 9. Please use different processes to assign District numbers and discontinue the top-down approach. Our City started along the San Diego River in Old Town and only later did it develop by the Bay in New Town. Coastal development was much latter. I suggest, because our Council elections are based on even and odd numbering that a random draw assignment be made for even and odd districts.

The numbering of Districts has some real practicable priority effects, for example District One is called on first to speak at Council and to Vote. Like the discredited law of **primogeniture**, the First Council District gets to announce its Budget priorities or express its opinions first. For initial Commission development and discussion purposes I suggest that draft districts be alphabetically designated until a random draw is held.

1. Natural geographical features like water sheds should be used as initial jumping off definitional boundaries for Council Districts. Use of watersheds do not follow any artificial political or incumbents' donor or constituency

interests. From time out of mind, the indigenous Kumeyaay peoples lived and organized along our City's nine (9) natural watersheds - Tijuana, Chollas, SD Bay Florida/Switzer, San Diego River, Famosa Slough, Los Peñasquitos, Mission Bay, La Jolla, and San Dieguito. The Bay and Coastal water quality is largely determined by the quality of water that flows into them from the water shed above them. Improving watershed conditions uphill determines the Bay and Beach qualities.

I believe that clean up and renovation of the City's water sheds would be advanced if each Council District had, at its core, a significant watershed to steward. The Coast, Beaches, and Bays are resources we all share in common; so organization based solely on a Beach or Bay approach favors some and excludes others.

Thank you for considering these initial principles and comments concerning the City-Wide processes. I look forward to discussing the development of a Chollas Creek focused district at your next scheduled meeting.

All the best,

/s/

John Stump, resident, property owner, and taxpayer in current Districts Four and Nine